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Implementing the smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/206 of 20 December 1991 and 59/209 of 20 December 2004,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 2006/1 of 7 February 2006, 2007/34 of 27 July 2007 and 2009/35 of 31 July 2009 as they relate to the need for monitoring the progress of countries graduating from least developed country status, and to the importance of taking into consideration the nature and extent of this progress in determining a smooth transition strategy for these countries,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision 2004/299 of 23 July 2004, which highlighted the proposals of the Secretary-General for concrete mechanisms to implement a smooth transition strategy for graduating countries,[1] as well as the recommendations on possible features of a smooth transition strategy contained in the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session,[2]

1. *Reiterates* the importance of ensuring that the graduation of a country from least developed country status will never cause disruption in the progress that country has enjoyed and, as a result of which, it is deemed able to eventually pursue its development efforts without least developed country treatment;

2. *Urges* all bilateral and multilateral development and trading partners to pursue or intensify their efforts to contribute to the full implementation of resolution

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] E/2004/94.

[2] See E/2008/33.

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59/209, with a view to allowing the objective reiterated in paragraph 1 above to be effectively fulfilled;

3. *Looks forward* to the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the support measures effectively provided by development and trading partners for the countries that have graduated or will be graduating from least developed country status and on possible ways to better ensure that there will be a smooth transition, in accordance with Assembly resolution 65/171 of 20 December 2010;

4. *Decides* that the long-standing benefit of travel-related support that has been made available by the United Nations to the least developed countries will be extended, if requested, to Cape Verde and Maldives for a period of three years beginning immediately after the adoption of the present resolution, and that the same benefit will be granted, also if requested and for a period of three years, to any other country that will have graduated from least developed country status;

5. *Urges* the Committee for Development Policy, with assistance and support from other relevant entities, to continue its monitoring of the development progress of graduating countries for a period of at least three years after graduation, to pay particular attention to the effectiveness of smooth transition for these countries after they have lost least developed country status, and to report its findings in this regard to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session.